

HEAVY SALE OF WOOL

The Amount Was the Largest in Fourteen Months.

MANUFACTURING IS IMPROVED

Dun & Co. Report Many Mills Have Resumed This Work and the Demand for Goods Is Increasing.

New York, Nov. 24.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade tomorrow will say: Consumption increases slowly and all branches of business are waiting for its growth. There has been a little improvement in stocks, about \$1.25 for railroads and 50 cents per share for trusts, while the price of products has declined a little on the whole, but the volume of business has somewhat increased. Exchanges through clearing houses, outside of New York, show a decrease of only 7.7 per cent, although last year's business at this season was extraordinary, and the week included Thanksgiving holiday. Trade waits for the revival of industries, and the week's returns respecting industrial progress are rather conflicting. There has been a heavy sale of cotton goods at very satisfactory prices, and the market has decidedly strengthened in consequence. Though the production of this branch is still somewhat less than it was a year ago, the market for goods at current prices is strong. In woolens there is a substantial increase in the demand, notwithstanding the fact that several mills, each having orders for a thousand pieces or more, have closed, the orders being no longer assured as to give them profitable employment. But sales of wool have been the largest since September, 1892, amounting at three chief markets to 8,025,800 pounds against 4,813,000 for the same week last year, and it is said that many purchases are of a speculative character, there is evidence that large buying by active mills is prompted by increased orders. In the manufacture of boots and shoes the demand for employees and the increasing number of factories, and the orders are in number about as usual for the season, though smaller in quantity. The shipments from Boston, according to the Shoe and Leather Reporter, show a decrease of 12 per cent for the week. A gradual increase in the business is reported at all centers, not wholly due to orders for immediate delivery.

New Steel Compact Formed.

A new compact of the steel rail producers, the Pennsylvania and the Maryland roads having been joined to others in order to keep them idle, has checked the increase in purchases of ore and coal and other materials, and the Pittsburg manufacturers are playing havoc with eastern markets, though the price made in that region are so low that their continuance cannot be predicted. There is a considerable increase in the number of concerns in operation, but there does not appear to be much gain in actual consumption of pig iron and prices are as low as ever. It is said that a British purchase of 8,000 tons of Alabama coke iron has been made for \$7.25 at mill. Even in the Pittsburg district, where business seems more active than elsewhere, the works are not fully employed, and the sale of the manufactured is shown by the return of Connellsville coke furnaces of which 6,844 are in operation and 11,035 idle. The markets for coal have been irregular. What had advanced 1 cent, during the month, have been 4,300,000 bushels against 5,000,000 last year, and the exports from Atlantic ports up 600,000 bushels against 1,900,000 last year. The corn receipts are remarkably large, amounting to 3,000,000 bushels against 1,300,000 last year, and the price has declined 1 cent. There has been a slight decline in oil, about 1 cent in colts and also in bags, and \$1.50 in pork. Cotton is a sixteenth higher, though considerably depressed during the week, with receipts of 222,000 against 230,000 for the same week last year, and the belief in a short crop does not outweigh the fact that stocks abroad and at home are 3,242,000 bales, about 40 per cent of a full year's consumption.

Money Market Improved.

Money continues to accumulate and is loaned at 6 per cent on our call and as low as 4 per cent on the best commercial paper.

There has been an improvement in the market since the successful sale of cotton goods in this city, but the country banks prefer to pile up their balances here to be loaned at low rates on call rather than to lay paper below 4 per cent.

Maturing notes have been met much better than was expected, and throughout the country collections, though slower than usual, show a stronger condition of trade than has ever been known immediately after a financial revolution. A meeting of the clearing house committee this week gave rise to enormous rumors that some bank was in trouble, the real object being to provide for gold deposits on account of the associated banks. A trouble in the bank of England has produced no effect of consequence, nor can we see. The exports continue to exceed imports largely. For three weeks New York exports were \$22,150,000 against \$22,365,000 last year, while the imports were \$22,034,020 against \$22,085,040 last year. In October the excess of merchandise exports was \$2,000,000, and with allowance for undetermined basis of imports and for imports thus abroad there would still be a heavy balance due this country, which does not appear to have been met by a movement of specie, as European assets of late have been buying rather than selling. The phenomena probably indicate the settlement of commercial debts made during the period of panic. Trade for the week numbered 827 in the United States against 820 last year and 34 in Canada against 33 last year. But the set of this week includes some of those of usual importance.

WEEKLY BANK CLEARINGS.

Grand Rapids One of the Few Cities Showing an Increase.

New York, Nov. 24.—Bank clearings total of seventy-nine cities for the week ending November 21, 1893, with comparisons as telegraphed to Headstart's are:

	Inc.	Dec.
New York	\$2,100,000	10,2
Chicago	80,100,200	10,2
Boston	91,100,415	11,2
Philadelphia	65,100,422	11
St. Louis	23,100,180	4,0
San Francisco	12,250,230	—
Baltimore	1,050,000	7,4
Cincinnati	10,000,000	6,6
Kansas City	8,075,281	2,1
New Orleans	12,310,802	—
Buffalo	8,200,000	2,8
Milwaukee	6,000,000	0,0
Detroit	10,000,000	10,8
London	1,200,000	0,8
Montreal	2,000,000	1,7
Omaha	1,000,000	4,3

Providence	4,000,500	21,2
Cleveland	4,600,310	19,5
Hartford	8,400,210	22,0
St. Paul	4,337,570	18,3
Denver	2,200,311	42,5
Indianapolis	4,147,597	27,5
Columbus, O.	2,792,300	3,1
Hartford	1,820,048	6,0
Richmond	2,074,255	17,5
Washington	1,643,223	13,0
Duluth	2,040,206	6,4
Dallas	2,220,206	—
St. Joseph	1,550,015	2,5
Ponca	1,655,308	8,5
Memphis	2,222,078	20,8
Portland, Ore.	1,138,523	32,0
Rochester	1,431,078	4,2
New Haven	1,455,073	6,6
Savannah	3,137,652	7,5
Springfield, Mass.	1,268,510	1,0
Worcester	1,187,210	8,8
Portland, Me.	1,297,434	5,8
Atlanta	1,458,214	—
Fort Worth	1,250,014	41,6
Waco	1,547,124	16,5
Syracuse	1,201,013	8,0
Des Moines	860,025	12,4
Grand Rapids	861,000	1,9
Seattle	532,448	45,0
Lowell	616,741	4,9
Wilmington, Del.	814,514	16,9
Norfolk	1,193,369	23,1
Sioux City	840,000	27,5
Tacoma	800,000	25,0
Superior, Mich.	290,000	14,4
Spokane	251,480	6,1
Jeffersonville	354,447	13,9
Lincoln	594,202	13
New Bedford	445,840	3,5
Wichita	521,447	22,0
Birmingham	236,866	—
Topeka	363,061	6,2
Lexington, Ky.	351,117	1,7
Binghamton	358,200	43,7
Emporia, Kan.	833,844	76,5
Bay City	282,302	—
Fall River	903,000	—
Akron	1,122,500	—
Springfield, O.	170,258	—
Canton	137,970	—
Sioux Falls	144,511	—
Fremont, Neb.	71,184	—
Hastings, Neb.	71,001	—
Chattanooga	220,188	—
Fargo	114,707	—
Nashville	187,457	16,5
Galveston	7,761,000	17,1
Totals U. S.	\$257,775,035	13,3
Exclusive of New York	\$437,771,085	8,1
Dominion of Canada	—	—
Montreal	\$ 9,032,778	36,2
Toronto	4,841,508	34,7
Halifax	307,008	6,7
Hamilton	500,000	14,4
Total	\$ 15,080,083	34,5
*Not included in totals.		

The First Oyster Eaten.

Dean Swift says he was a bold man who first ate an oyster. The legend which assigns the first act of oyster eating to its origin is often told:

"A man, walking one day, picked up one of these savory bivalves just as it was in the act of gaping. Observing the extreme smoothness of the interior shells, he intimated his finger between them, that he might feel their shining surface, when suddenly they closed upon the exploring digit with a sensation less pleasant than he anticipated. The prompt withdrawal of his finger was scarcely a more natural movement than its transfer to his mouth. The result was most fortunate. The owner of the finger tasted oyster juice for the first time, as the Cumanian in Elia's essay, having burnt his finger, first tasted cracking."

"The savor was delicious—he had made a great discovery; so he picked up the oyster, forced open the shell, inquired upon their contents and soon brought oyster eating into fashion. And, unlike most fashions, it has never gone and is never likely to go out."—Detroit Free Press.

Discretion.

Two burglars broke into the house of a merchant who was generally considered to be very rich. After herculean efforts they managed to open the safe, but who can describe their disappointment when they found that it was empty and all their labor in vain? At that moment the master of the house, awakened by the noise, appeared on the scene. For a moment all three stood there as if turned into stone. The merchant was the first to come to himself.

"Gentlemen," he said, "let us all maintain a discreet silence over this incident. And now permit me to show you the door."—Seifenblaser.

Ignorance. "Brother Johnsing," said Mr. Bones, with a wink at the other end, "here is a conundrum for you. What is the difference between an oyster and an elephant?"

"H'm" said the middle man thoughtfully. "The difference between an oyster and an elephant? Well, Mr. Bones, I must confess I don't know."

"Then I should not advise you to go into the oyster business," returned Mr. Bones. "The orchestra will now play 'Ta-ra-ra Boom-de-ay'—Exchange."

The Sagacious Porter. Palace Car Porter (out west)—Don't gub me no fee, sah, till we gets to de end ob de trip.

Passenger—Very well. Just as you prefer.

Porter—Yes, sah. You see, dese train robbers always goes for me fast, an' I ain't got nothing day say do passengers nott gon na gub me off goes off.—New York Weekly.

The Old and the New. Changes take place in the medical profession as in all branches of science. We believe the greatest good will follow that generous offer made by Dr. Greene of 35 West 14th Street, New York, who invites all persons, far and near, suffering from any form of disease, to write him a description of their complaints, and he will send them free of charge, a complete explanation of their cause, with advice how to be cured. He gives careful and explicit attention to all letters and explains each symptom so carefully that you cannot fail to understand exactly what aids you.

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